
EFFECTIVE

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Subject(s)

1. Family Independence Program (FIP) home visits.
2. Response to requests.
3. Standard of promptness.
4. Child support.
5. Reporting unauthorized federal tax information access.
6. Minor Parent supplemental payments.
7. Miscellaneous.
8. Medicare savings program (MSP) asset limit increase.

1) FIP HOME VISITS**BEM 200, 201****FIP**

It is not mandatory for FIP specialists to conduct home visits.

Reason: Policy clarification.

2) RESPONSE TO REQUESTS**BAM 110**

The DHS-1171, Filing Form, is no longer a separate form. The filing form is now page 1 of the MDHHS-1171, Assistance Application.

Reason: Change in form name.

3) STANDARD OF PROMPTNESS**BAM 210**

The redetermination packet is sent to the client on the fourth day of the month before the redetermination is due.

Reason: Update.

4) CHILD SUPPORT**BEM 255****FIP**

The child support income test compares the amount of child support collected by the Office of Child Support (OCS) with the FIP

grant automatically each month for FIP cases that have certified support. FIP closes when collected child support exceeds the grant by \$50 in two consecutive months; see BEM 518. This test does not include support collected for Medicaid purposes.

Reason: Policy clarification.

5) REPORTING UNAUTHORIZED FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION ACCESS

BAM 803

Contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Compliance Office at 517-284-1018 to report unauthorized access to federal tax information.

Reason: Change in reporting office and phone number.

6) MINOR PARENT SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

BEM 201

FIP

Foster homes and residential facilities may no longer receive supplemental FIP payments for caring for minor parents and their children.

Reason: Obsolete policy.

7) MISCELLANEOUS

BEM 210

FIP

Changed BAM 255 to BEM 255

Reason: Correction.

BEM 401 and 503

Medicaid Only

For MAGI related programs there is no asset test. However, disbursements from annuities are generally countable as income in

the month that they are received. In some cases, such as annuities that result from wrongful death lawsuits, this annuity income may not be taxable. Therefore, part, or all of the annuity payments may not be countable toward an individual's MAGI income. To determine what parts of an annuity payment may or may not be countable toward an individual's income please follow the process for referrals to the Trusts and Annuities unit outlined in this chapter to have the annuity evaluated. In the case of MAGI-related annuity evaluations the lawsuit settlement agreement will be necessary to make the determination.

For MAGI Medicaid some annuity income that is non-taxable may not be counted toward an individual's Medicaid income. See BEM 401 for further information.

Reason: Policy clarification.

BEM 554

Correction of misspelled word and spacing.

Glossary

Parent

Removed FAP as a program under the definition of parent.

8) MSP Asset Limits

BEM 400

The annual increase of the Medicare Savings Program asset limits is added to the policy effective April 1, 2019. The new limits are \$7,730 for an individual and \$11,600 for a couple.

Reason: Numbers were not released earlier by the federal government.

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